



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 980

Moccasin Bend National Archeological District Act

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 8, 2002*

H.R. 980 would establish the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District as part of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The act would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land for the district by donation or purchase from willing sellers. It also would authorize the Secretary to establish a visitors center within the archeological district. Finally, H.R. 980 would require the Secretary to develop a general management plan for the archeological district within three years of enactment.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 980 would cost \$7 million in 2005 and at least \$1 million in each subsequent year. (These costs do not include a visitors center or other potential improvements to the site, as discussed below.) Based on information obtained from the National Park Service, CBO estimates that during 2005 acquiring land for the district would cost about \$2 million, and developing the archeological district would cost about \$4 million. Operating the archeological district would cost about \$700,000 in 2005 and about \$1 million a year thereafter. Enacting H.R. 980 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

Additional costs could be incurred to implement the management plan. For instance, establishing a visitors center would cost between \$5 million and \$10 million and operating the visitors center would cost about \$500,000 a year. Similarly, measures to stabilize the shore line within the proposed district would cost about \$5 million and burying electric lines in this area would cost about \$10 million. CBO cannot predict whether or when these projects might be undertaken, so these potential costs are not included in our estimate.

H.R. 980 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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